Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What would have been the total amount of the transaction of the Coir Depot in the first 9 months? I would be glad to know the total of the transactions—the total value of yarn that passes through our Depot?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Nearly Rs. 24,000.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know the rate of commission? Here the commission realised is Rs. 1,795—9—6. What is the rate of commission?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Calculation I do not know exactly. You can easily find it out when calculated on the Rs. 24,000.

CATTLE DISEASES IN PANANCHERI, ETC.

133. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they were aware of the fact that cattle diseases were rampant during summer in Panancheri and the neighbouring villages ;

(*b*) whether the Department of Agriculture (Veterinary) has done anything in the places mentioned above to arrest its spread ;

(*c*) if so, what were the steps taken ; when were they taken ;

(*d*) are the Government posted with facts and figures as to the cattle mortality in the affected areas ;

(*e*) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a note in the GOMATHI, dated 19th April 1941, page 5, column 1 under caption "Panancheri" in which the attention of Government has been invited to this matter ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development) :*

(*a*) No. The cattle diseases were not rampant.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (b).

(*d*) It is reported that there were only 8 sporadic cases of Haemorrhagic Septicaemia attack.

(*e*) Yes.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Did not the report referred to in (e)—the press report—state that there were cattle diseases of a very serious nature and that in a rampant state?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. There was a statement by them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was it not correct?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* On enquiry there were only 8 cases found out. That was the report I received. It is only after receiving this report in the *Gomathi* that they made an enquiry of their own accord by the Personal Assistant to the Veterinary Doctor.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether there is any advantage in treating these animals after they get attacks of diseases? Preventive serums should be used, when such diseases take place so as to make all the animals immune by inoculating preventive serums.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is so impracticable for the present that the idea cannot be accepted.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So far as my personal knowledge goes, when any such disease breaks out, 99 per cent of the animals die. Some method has to be found out to save these animals.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If the owners are willing to pay for the serum, and if they want the services of an officer we will consider.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In the Madras Presidency, owners are not asked to pay for the serums.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* In British Malabar, there are one or two Veterinary hospitals, whereas in Cochin State which is only one-third of it, there are 24. I do not want the House to be misled by this sort of comparison. With these lakhs and lakhs of cattle, going and inoculating cattle is impossible.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* By inoculating, the cattle can be prevented from dying like this.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If the owners are willing, certainly it will be done.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The owners are mostly poor. The cyclone has done the rest, to complete their adversity. Government have given sympathetic consideration.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sympathy should be translated into action. It may not be possible to translate it into action.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam) :* Money will be forthcoming if the Minister takes it in right earnest. Government will not be a hindrance.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that even when private parties are prepared to pay for this vaccine, the veterinary surgeons are not prepared to supply this vaccine in time.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The difficulty is, it cannot be got soon. It takes two or three days' time. Perhaps the delay is due to that. We cannot keep them in stock.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Why can't the Government make some arrangment to get down this vaccine and preserve it ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* In Trichur Hospital they are keeping in cold storage. We will consider that suggestion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does it require a refrigerator ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development) :* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* What is this cattle disease ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development) :* I am not a veterinary surgeon.

Mr. C. K. VELAYUDHAN, RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE— PARTICULARS REGARDING

134. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what post Mr. C. K. Velayudhan was holding in the beginning of the year 1116 in the Rural Development Centre, Cherpu ;

(*b*) when was he appointed ;

(*c*) by whom was he appointed ;

(*d*) what were his qualifications ;

(*e*) what was the nature of the work he was expected to do in the Centre ;

(*f*) whether he was given any pay and allowance: if so what ;

(*g*) whether he is in service at present ?

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